

Organization of the Ministry of Munitions
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Article 1.

The Minister of Munitions shall administer the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the fundamentals of National mobilization.
2. Matters concerning mining and the manufacturing industry in general.
3. Matters concerning the production, distribution, consumption and prices of the products of mining and the manufacturing industry (except the rolling-stock, safety apparatus for railway signals, ships, articles for ships, products of the textile industry and other products of the manufacturing industry which are mainly used for civilian consumption: hereinafter to be called collectively the material under the jurisdiction of the Ministry).
4. Matters concerning the production control, ordering and procurement of raw materials and materials for principal munitions and of specified munitions.
5. Matters concerning such controls over the utilization of private factories and the guidance concerning their equipment and management as are needed to meet military demand.
6. Matters concerning the management of labor, wages, adjustment of funds (except matters concerning the procurement of funds) and control of accounting (except matters concerning the increase of dividend) in the enterprises whose purpose is the production or distribution of the material under the jurisdiction of the Ministry or electric power (in case the enterprise is concurrently engaged in the under-taking

taking for other purposes, this provision is applicable only to that part of the enterprise which is being operated for the above-mentioned purpose; hereinafter to be called the enterprises under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.)

7. Matters concerning electricity and hydraulic power for the generation of alcohol and petroleum

The Minister of Munitions may, if necessary for the execution of the affairs mentioned in Number 1 of the preceding Paragraph, request other Government offices concerned to furnish him with reference material or explanations.

Article 2.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Munitions the following one Board and eight Bureaus:

National Mobilization Bureau

Board of Air Arms

Machinery Bureau

Iron and Steel Bureau

Light Metal Bureau

Non-Ferrous Metal Bureau

Chemical Bureau

Fuel Bureau

Electric Power Bureau

There may be instituted Divisions or Divisions and Sections as may be provided for by the Minister of Munitions.

There shall be instituted in the Board of Air Arms the Secretariat of the Director General, General Affairs Bureau, First Bureau, Second Bureau, Third Bureau and Fourth Bureau.

Article 3.

The National Mobilization Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Superintendence of the national mobilization plan, production expansion plan and electric power mobilization plan, and other matters concerning the

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- fundamentals of national mobilization.
2. Matters concerning general supervision and inspection of the administration under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.
 3. Matters concerning mining and the manufacturing industry in general.
 4. Matters concerning the prices in general of the material under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.
 5. Matters concerning statistics in general.
 - b. Matters concerning the production control and the coordination of the ordering and procurement of raw materials and materials for principal munitions and of specified munitions.
 7. Matters concerning the coordination and adjustment of such controls over the utilization of private factories and the guidance concerning their equipment and management as are needed to meet military demand.
 8. Matters concerning the management of labor, wages, adjustment of funds in the enterprises under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.
 9. Matters concerning the coordination of defence works under the jurisdiction of the Ministry
 10. Matters which do not belong to other offices of the Ministry.

Article 4.

The Board of Air Arms shall take charge of affairs concerning aircraft and arms equipment, etc., related to aircraft (including the procurement of these materials and affairs incidental thereto).

Article 5.

The Machinery Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning machinery and implements (except those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Air Arms).

Article 6.

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The Iron and Steel Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning iron and steel.

Article 7.

The Light Metal Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning light metal.

Article 8.

The Non-Ferrous Metal Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning non-ferrous metal and mines in general.

Article 9.

The Chemical Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning the products of the chemical industry (including affairs concerning the distribution and consumption of industrial salt and coarse camphor and excluding affairs concerning the output, distribution and consumption of chemical fertilizers).

Article 10.

The Fuel Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning fuel.
2. Matters concerning gas and coke.
3. Matters concerning the monopoly of alcohol and petroleum.

Article 11.

The Electric Power Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning electricity and hydraulic power for the generation of electricity.

Article 12.

There shall be instituted Munitions Officer (Gunjukan) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of either "Chokunin" or "Sonin" rank and take charge of the routine affairs of the Ministry of Munitions by order of their superiors.

Article 13.

There shall be instituted Junior Munitions Secretaries (Gunju)

(Gunju Jimukan) and Associate Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Rijikan) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of the routine affairs of the Ministry of Munitions by order of their superiors.

Article 14.

The number of full-time Directors of Bureaus, Munitions Officers (Gunjukan), Senior Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Shokikan) and Junior Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Jimukan) shall be ninety-seven in total, provided, however, that the number of full-time Directors of Bureaus and Munitions Officers (Gunjukan) who are of "Chokunin" rank shall not exceed five in total.

The number of full-time Associate Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Rijikan) shall be fourteen in total.

Article 15.

There shall be instituted two full-time Statistics Officers (Tokeikan) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Sonin" rank and take charge of statistics of mining and the manufacturing industry by order of their superiors.

Article 16.

There shall be instituted one full-time Munitions Technical Director (Gunju Gikan) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Chokunin" rank and superintend technical matters by order of his superiors.

Article 17.

There shall be instituted one hundred and seven full-time Munitions Technical Experts (Gunju Gishi) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Sonin" rank. Three of them may be of "Chokunin" rank. They shall take charge of technical matters by order of their superiors.

Article 18.

There shall be instituted Assistant Munitions Officers

(Gunjukampo)

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Article 19.

The number of full-time Assistant Munitions Officers (Gunjukampo) and Munitions Clerks (Gunju Zoku) shall be five hundred and eighteen in total.

Article 20.

There shall be instituted eight full-time Assistant Statistics Officers (Tokoikampo) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Hannin" rank and engaged in statistics of mining and the manufacturing industry under the direction of their superiors.

Article 21.

There shall be three hundred and nineteen Assistant Munitions Technical Experts (Gunju Gishi) in the Ministry of Munitions, who shall be of "Hannin" rank and engaged in technical matters under the direction of their superiors.

Article 22.

In addition to the personnel mentioned in Article 12 to the preceding Article inclusive, Junior Secretaries (Jimukan) may be appointed by the Cabinet from among higher officials (KOTOKAN) of the Government offices concerned in accordance with the Recommendation to the Throne by the Minister of Munitions.

Article 23.

There shall be instituted Councillors (Sanyo) in the Ministry of Munitions to participate in the affairs of the Ministry.

Councillors shall be appointed by the Cabinet from among officials of "Chokunin" rank of the Government offices concerned and learned or experienced persons in accordance with

with the recommendation to the Throne by the Minister of Munitions.

Councillors shall strictly keep the secret that they have come to know of in connection with their official duties.

Article 24.

There shall be instituted a Special Committee in the Ministry of Munitions to conduct investigations into specialties.

Members of the Special Committee shall be appointed by the Cabinet from among learned or experienced persons in accordance with the recommendation to the Throne by the Minister of Munitions.

Members of the Special Committee shall strictly keep the secret that they have come to know of in connection with their official duties.

Article 25.

The Director General of the Board of Air Arms and the Director of the Fuel Bureau shall also be subject to the direction and supervision of the Minister of War and the Minister of the Navy with regard to matters of military necessity concerning specified munitions.

Article 26.

There shall be instituted Mining Inspectors (Komu Kantokukan) and Assistant Mining Inspectors (Komu Kantokukampo) in the Ministry of Munitions.

Mining Inspectors (Komu Kantokukan) shall be appointed from among Munitions Officers (Gunjukan), Senior Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Shokikan), Junior Munitions Secretaries (Gunju Jimukan) or Munitions Technical Experts (Gunju Gishi), and Assistant Mining Inspectors (Komu Kantokukampo) from among Assistant Munitions Officers (Gunju Kampo), Munitions Clerks (Gunju Zoku) or Assistant Munitions Technical Experts (Gunju Gito).

Mining Inspectors shall take charge of affairs concerning mining police (except labor and sanitation at mines) by order

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of their superiors.

Assistant Mining Inspectors shall be engaged in affairs concerning mining police (except labor and sanitation at mines) under the direction of their superiors.

Supplementary Provision

The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from the date of promulgation.

The Imperial Ordinances on the Organization of the Board of Planning of the Cabinet, Organization of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Organization of the Board of Fuel and Organization of the Board of Prices shall be abolished.